

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2001-225

May 8, 2001

AFFINITY CORPORATION
Request to Abandon Services
Of Affinity Corporation

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO ABANDON
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On March 28, 2000, Affinity Corporation (Affinity) filed a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1). The Commission granted Affinity authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 92-001. In support of its request, Affinity stated it has severe financial difficulties and has ceased operations. It did not state whether it had any Maine customers or, if so, whether it provided notice to those customers prior to ceasing operations. Section 1104 requires that a utility obtain from the Commission prior to abandoning service.

Under the circumstances, we have little choice but to grant approval to Affinity to abandon service and remove it from our records of authorized carriers. We note that there are a large number of competitive interexchange telephone utilities available to provide service in Maine.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 8th day of May, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond